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Dear Maury,

Very good piece on Jack. Thanks for sending it to me so I could keep up on my relatives.

I am also glad to know how it comes that in the middle of howhere is is a learned explanation of the significance and intended message of Nabucco (whose name I had even forgotten and probably the spelling with it).

You do write well. Now you ought to do what I suggested to Jack, a piece on the woman who wants to adopt her husband's bastard. That can be one of the warmest, most human things - and very hard to write.

To bring you people up to date: I've finished the rough draft of the manuscript Oswald in New Orleans: CIA Whitewash. It is about 150,000 words, long by today's standards. If the prospective publisher uses the documents I have it'll be as big as the Columbia-Viking Desk Encylcopaedia, or Shirer, anyway. I'll now get back on Manchester Machiavelli: The unintended Unofficial Whitewash, as soon as I finish reading the current ms (my deal is that they will do all the editing so I can continue working - this stuff comes originally from my work and I've taken what applied from Whitewash III for it). Then I get back on Whitewash III. With any kind of luck I'll have all of this written by the end of June.

Pretty soon I'll be in New Orleans. I've been invited by the investigators, and said I'd go as soon as I finished the ms. Next the lawyers said they'd like to talk to me. Thursday, when I was told some of my materials were being mailed back, there was a personal invitation from Garrison. I am anxious to meet him. But I wanted to get my own and entirely independent work done first and I am not going down there to sell books, honorable and essential as that is. I shall be making no announcement of it. Someday I'll let you and Jack hear some exciting tapes I have, like from the man who attended certain meetings not inquired into by the federal government (I have no doubt Garrison now will-I've turned the witness over to him) but important in any honest investigation and always found the same FBI agent there -before the assassination. Don't draw the wrong implication. Or the prediction by Sean Andrews on February 18 of exactly when he'd lose his memory. I've got some good stuff besides what the book is, essentially, analysis. And I've got the documents, too.

I've been making few appearances lately because I just must get this writing done before exhaustion is complete. But I do get to colleges when I can, for that generation, as I meet it, is wonderful and the country'd real hope. I was at Hobart Friday night and, as usual, could not sleep thereafter. So I tried the radio a little too late, just in time for Pete Seeger to sign off. Wish I'd have heard more. Glad to know Jack is back. I go to U of Wisc Milwaukee this coming weekend for an "action" meeting sponsored by the Wesley Foundation. I've been expecting Holy Family at Torresdale to confirm a date for this month but haven't heard from them. If Jack would like a few words after that meeting is over, I'd be very glad. With my best to you all, I'm back to Work.